

Mr. Speaker, Luke Dunkin deservingly joins a prestigious group of heroes with this award from the Coast Guard. On behalf of the people of North Alabama and the United States House of Representatives, I commend Mr. Dunkin for risking his own life to rescue Robert Justice on October 26, 2001.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP CLAUDE L.
CAMPBELL

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize Bishop Claude L. Campbell and his 37th Anniversary at St. Paul's Calvary United Church of God in Union, New Jersey. Since 1965, Bishop Campbell has enhanced not only his church and congregation, but also the community of Union.

Born on October 6, 1931 in Raeford, North Carolina, Bishop Campbell was raised in the Presbyterian Church where he was actively involved in the church choir and developed a love of music and singing. It was at an early age that Bishop Campbell knew that he was destined to a life of service.

Bishop Campbell moved to New Jersey in 1954, where he became involved in congregations in the tri-state area, eventually beginning his pastorship at St. Paul's Calvary United Church of God in October 1965. Under his direction, the church has flourished, and has developed an especially strong tie to the younger members of the congregation.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that my colleagues here in the House of Representatives join me today as we recognize Bishop Claude L. Campbell and his many years of devoted service to St. Paul's Calvary Church of God.

HONORING CHRISTINE TAYLOR OF
GROVER HILL, OH

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions to our Nation by Christine Taylor of Grover Hill, OH. In June of this year, Christine was elected State President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on June 30, 2002.

Born in Eye, Suffolk, England and the oldest of the four children, Christine immigrated with her family to the United States in 1955. She graduated from Oxnard (California) High School in 1964 and became a naturalized citizen the following year.

She married Roger Taylor, a Navy Seabee veteran in the Vietnam War, in August 1966 and they moved to Ohio. Roger and Christine are the proud parents of three children, Kent, Jennifer, and Matt, and the grandparents of Krystal and Dustin Taylor.

Since 1975, Chris has been employed as a legal secretary and office manager for the DeMuth Law Office in Paulding, OH.

In 1974 she joined the Ladies Auxiliary to the V.F.W. as a charter member of the Grover

Hill Auxiliary 2873, under the eligibility of her husband. Serving as the auxiliary's first Treasurer, she progressed through the various chairs to serve as Auxiliary President in 1980–1982. She currently serves as Auxiliary Trustee and program chairman.

Chris's activity on the District level started when she was asked by her friend, Susie Moon, to serve as District Secretary in 1981–1982. Elected as Conductress in 1985, she progressed through the district chairs to serve as District #1 President in 1988–1989, being named as runner-up Outstanding District President for that year.

Commencing in 1987–1988, Chris served as State chairman for number programs, including National Home, Youth Activities and the Voice of Democracy, Community Service, Cancer Aid & Research, Americanism, Buddy Poppy, Safety, Hospital, and Historian, in addition to serving as Assistant Conductress and Chief of Staff.

Elected as Department Guard in 1977, Chris has served as a State officer, culminating in her election and installation as the leader of the Ohio V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary. During her term of office, Chris will lead the 51,600 members of the Ohio delegation under her theme of "Teamwork—The Key to Success."

Mr. Speaker, I salute the dedication, patriotism, and commitment of Christine Taylor and congratulate her on her election as leader of the Ohio V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary.

HONORING THE ENVIRONMENTAL
DEFENSE CENTER

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Environmental Defense Center of Santa Barbara, California.

This year, the EDC celebrates its 25th Anniversary. The Central Coast of California and our nation have benefited in countless ways from its leadership. This organization has been a pioneer and champion of environmental and health issues in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties. EDC provides invaluable legal services, advocacy and public education on behalf of a variety of environmental causes.

There are many issues where the EDC's leadership has been indispensable for our community—improving water quality, protecting endangered species, promoting access to public lands. But I would like to highlight one issue in particular—the fight to end new oil drilling off our beautiful coastline. This is an area where the EDC's expertise is unrivaled and where its counsel to me has been incredibly valuable.

As the U.S. Representative for Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties—and the newly elected Representative for the new 23rd Congressional district which encompasses the coastal communities in those two counties and Ventura County—I have made the fight to stop new offshore oil drilling a top priority.

We have reached a consensus here on the Central Coast that we do not want any more drilling off our coast. We do not want the 36 leases developed and we do not want the life of the current rigs extended. We understand

all too well the risk to both our environment and our tourist-based economy that more oil development means. And we are all committed to winning this fight against more oil drilling.

EDC's historic leadership in this struggle, in-depth knowledge of the issue, and bright, aggressive attorneys has been an indispensable resource for me as I wage our fight in Washington.

This year we took an historic first step by getting the House of Representatives to vote in favor of stopping new drilling off our coast. I want to thank the EDC for all its help in getting my amendment passed.

I send my best wishes to the EDC and all of its staff and supporters and look forward to working together to advance our common goals in Washington and on the Central Coast. Good luck on the next 25 years!

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF DR.
DONALD C. HARRISON

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Donald Harrison, a friend and community leader, who will retire as Senior Vice President and Provost of the University of Cincinnati (U.C.) Medical Center next year.

Since 1986, Don has been at the helm of the U.C. Medical Center. Don was recruited from Stanford University, where he held a number of positions while working as a researcher and clinician for 23 years. Under Don's 16 years of leadership, the U.C. Medical Center has become a world-class teaching and research institution.

One of the important reasons for Don's success has been his ability to recruit outstanding medical professionals who are among the best and brightest in the world. With his team, he developed a new concept for U.C. and the University Hospital as a health system. This helped position the U.C. Medical Center as a major medical facility in the nation to provide research education and patient care for the next century.

As one of his early accomplishments, Don was key in the 1990s in helping to save University Hospital, which faced a financial crisis and could have cost Cincinnati one of its most important hospitals. At the same time, Don was looking ahead to turn the Medical Center into one of the most prominent research institutions in the world. Don headed up the Reaching for the 21st Century plan which aimed to markedly increase research in heart disease, cancer, neurosciences as well as in perinatal and neonatology. During Don's tenure, research funding increased from \$30 million annually to \$209 million over this past year. The more recent Millennium Plan adds diabetes to its research focus areas. As part of the Millennium Plan, the existing Medical Sciences building will be renovated and expanded and the Genome Research Institute will be established.

During Don's tenure, U.C. Medical Center's programs and experts have become increasingly well known and respected for health sciences, research, education and patient